



PATENT

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CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 2868
Inventors: Cyril MEZIERE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
Serial No.: 10/771,289) Examiner: Leslie R. Deak
Filed: February 5, 2004)
For: SUPPORT DEVICE FOR)
CONTAINERS IN)
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD)
TREATMENT MACHINES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 18, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I - Claims 1-30, allegedly drawn to a support device for liquid containers in an extracorporeal blood treatment machine comprising a base body and a support element, classified in class 604, subclass 4.01;

Group II - Claims 31-36, allegedly drawn to a support device for liquid containers in an extracorporeal blood treatment machine comprising a base body, a support element, means for supporting a container, and means for weighing the container classified in class 604, subclass 4.01.

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Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-30, allegedly drawn to a support device for liquid containers in an extracorporeal blood treatment machine comprising a base body and a support element, classified in class 604, subclass 4.01.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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